GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF RAIL STEEL BY BHILAI STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received regarding supply of poor quality of rail steel by Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) to Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways have curtailed their order to Bhilai Steel Plant due to this; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the B.S.P. in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)to(c): In the last three years, three complaints were received from the Railways, pertaining to surface defects and end straightness. In all cases of complaint on Rail quality, a Joint Committee visits the premises, consisting of technical experts of railways` own authorised inspection agency, RDSO (Lucknow), and Bhilai Steel Plant for inspection of the rails under complaintRails not found acceptable to the Railways are taken back.

According to SAIL, Railways have not curtailed their order for supply of rails on account of quality complaint. In fact the supply of rails to the Railways during the year 2000-01 at 411,881 tonnes has been the highest since inception.

(d) Does not arise in view of above.